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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action dated December 2, 2002 (hereafter, the "Office Action"). This response is timely filed, in view of the notice of appeal forwarded on April 2, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 5 to read as follows:

5. (Thrice Amended) A method for producing a preparation possessing antiviral activity comprising substances obtained from cuticular or epicuticular layers external to an epidermis of a plant or plant part, the method comprising:

a) exposing the plant or plant part to a solvent under conditions sufficient to solubilize materials in the cuticular and epicuticular layers of the plant, while leaving cells and tissues internal to the epidermis substantially unaffected; and

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